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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 5372

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, MOPS, AO, CG
SUBJECT: REPORTED FRONTIER INCIDENT BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE

REF: KINSHASA 4143

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES OF CLASH BETWEEN ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT FORCES (FAPLA) AND UNITS OF THE REBEL NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (FNLA) DURING NIGHT OF MAY 22-23. CLASH TOOK PLACE ON AND NEAR FRONTIER AREA SOUTH OF KIMPESE IN SONGOLOLO ZONE, BAS ZAIRE REGION. FAPLA UNIT ENCOUNTERED FNLA FORCE ON ANGOLAN TERRITORY. RESULTING IN RUNNING GUN BATTLE AS FNLA RETREATED INTO ZAIRE. FINALLY FNLA UNIT TOOK REFUGE IN A VILLAGE ON ZAIRIAN SIDE OF BORDER (IN THE GENERAL AREA OF SONGA VILLAGE, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE EXACT COORDINATES OR THE NAME OF THE VILLAGE). BATTLE CONTINUED IN AND AROUND VILLAGE UNTIL FAPLA UNIT WITHDREW BACK INTO ANGOLA. REPORTS INDICATE AT LEAST 13 VILLAGERS KILLED AND UNKNOWN NUMBER WOUNDED. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO NUMBER
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OF CASUALTIES AMONG FNLA AND FAPLA COMBATANTS.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN INCIDENT AND RECENT FIGHTING IN SHABA. SUCH INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED RATHER FREQUENTLY IN PAST MONTHS AS A RESULT OF FAPLA'S OPERATIONS AGAINST REMAINING FNLA AREAS IN NORTHERN ANGOLA. LOCAL POPULATION IN AREA OF THIS INCIDENT BELIEVE THIS

WAS IN RETALIATION FOR FNLA'S SHOOTING DOWN FAPLA HELICOPTER
AND ITS CUBAN CREW AND PASSENGERS TWO WEEKS AGO.
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